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EDITOR AND EDUCATOR.

Illinois Man a Man Who Has Made a Great Success of Both Professions.

Prof. Perry O. Stiver, of Freeport, Ill., nominee for superintendent of public instruction of Illinois, has been a resident of that flourishing northern Illinois city or its immediate vicinity for over 20 years. He was born October 21, 1853, near Potter's Mills, Center county, Pa., and his childhood was passed in the usual manner of the farm boys. He was 15 years old when his father died, and, being the oldest



PERRY O. STIVER.

(Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for Illinois.) of four sons who were at home, it devolved upon him to assist his mother in the management of the farm and the bringing up of the younger children. Youthful as he was, he accomplished this task with such success that during the ensuing two years, from the proceeds of a 50-acre farm, an indebtedness of \$800 was paid off which had accumulated during the illness of his father.

Prof. Stiver was educated in a normal school and in two different academies. However, much, and not the least valuable part, of his educational work was done under the private instruction of his brother, Prof. S. L. Stiver, one of the honor members of the class of 1874 at Lafayette college.

Nearly his entire lifetime since reaching manhood has been passed in educational pursuits. He began teaching at the age of 19. His experience as a teacher covers a period of 12 years—four in Pennsylvania and eight in Illinois, and his subsequent service of eight years as superintendent gave him a further insight into the needs of the public school system.

In 1886 he was chosen superintendent of schools of Stephenson county, Ill., and was reelected in 1890. During the eight years he served as county superintendent of schools his ability as an educator was recognized on every hand. He was honored with every office in the superintendents' department of the State Teachers' association, both appointive and elective. He was likewise honored in the Northern Illinois Teachers' association, having been elected treasurer, member of the executive committee and as president at Dixon in April, 1894, and serving at the meeting held in Aurora in October of the same year.

At the conclusion of his term he purchased an interest in the Freeport Bulletin, and during the past four years has taken an active part in the editorial and business management of the oldest democratic newspaper in northern Illinois.

THE EARL OF MINTO.

Just Appointed to Succeed Lord Aberdeen as Governor General of the Canadian.

The earl of Minto, appointed to succeed Lord Aberdeen as governor-general of Canada, is a Scotchman. Gilbert John Elliot Murray Kilmour Elliot, fourth earl of Minto, was born in 1845.



THE EARL OF MINTO.

(Just Appointed Governor-General of Canada.) Minto, from which the family takes its name, is a little village of Roxburghshire, near Jedburgh.

Lord Minto was formerly known as Lord Melgund, by which title he is most familiar to Canadians. He began a military career at the age of 22 years, joining the Scotch Fusilier guards.

He served with Lord Dasha during the Russian attack on Nichopolis, under Lord Roberts in the Afghan war, and in the northwestern rebellion in Canada in 1865. He was in Paris during the days of the commune and acted as correspondent for the Morning Post.

His active connection with Canadian life began with his appointment to the post of military secretary to Lord Lansdowne, governor-general in 1881. In that year he was married to Miss Mary Grey. The earl and countess have one son and three daughters living. His estates comprise 16,000 acres.

PORTRAIT OF SCOTT.

It Was Painted from Life, and for Fifty Years Has Been Owned in Richmond, Va.

The Misses Norwood, of Richmond, Va., have in their possession a portrait of Sir Walter Scott, made from life by a young artist named Cummins. The portrait was painted when the famous Scotchman was at the height of his fame, and it has been pronounced an excellent likeness. It represents the author attired in morning dress, wearing a bottle-green coat and buff waistcoat.

Before the portrait was received by the Norwood family a copy of it was



PORTRAIT OF SCOTT.

(Now in the Possession of an Old Richmond (Va.) Family.)

sent, but was lost on the voyage. Subsequently the original was forwarded. It has been in possession of the Norwood family for more than half a century. The artist was a distant kinsman of Scott, and it is said that he painted a number of portraits of him. Mrs. Jane Milne, of Edinburgh, purchased this portrait after Scott's death. She was a cousin of both the novelist and the artist. Mrs. Milne soon after sent the portrait to Rev. Dr. Norwood, her old pastor, who was also her cousin. At this time he was rector of Monumental church in Richmond. Letters from Scott's publisher, Ballantyne, and Prof. Wilson (Christopher Worth) accompanied the portrait, and declared that it was an admirable likeness.

For 50 years the portrait has hung in its heavy, rich, old-fashioned frame, and has been carefully guarded by the Norwood family. It is not allowed to be carried outside of their house, even for loan exhibitions.

EX-QUEEN'S MUSTACHE.

Natalie's 'Hirsute Adornment' Is Heavy Enough to Cause Envy Among Downy Dudes.

Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia, who is about to organize a corps of titled ladies to act as nurses in the Cuban war, has a mustache—a thick, well-defined mustache, of which many a downy-tipped dude might be justly envious. Natalie is known as "the most unfortunate queen in Europe," and to the mind of the average American woman the mustache is doubtless sufficient ground to establish the title. But Natalie is enough of an oriental to count the shadowy line above her lip as a mark of especial beauty—a particular mark of favor from the gods.

She has had more tragedies in her life than any other queen consort of



EX-QUEEN NATALIE.

(Many a Dude Would Be Proud of Her Dainty Mustache.)

modern times, not excepting the ill-fated Eugene, who was an empress consort, by the way. One of the favorite pastimes of Natalie's disreputable husband, King Milan, was to swing her about by her long, black hair before the entire court circle. Her son, Alexander, was torn from her arms at an age when he most required her care. Her life was saved by a party of students, who escorted her carriage over the frontier when it was attacked by hired assassins. Her reason finally gave way under her burden of sorrows, but this last misfortune was only temporary, and she went to a convent for a time for the peace the world cannot give. Natalie now forgets her own griefs in trying to lighten those of others.

They Divide the Field.

Two rival newspapers at Warrensburg, Mo., having found the town too small to support both, have entered into a novel agreement for a division of the spoils. One has suspended publication until July 1, 1899, on which date the other will enter into a lathery state and leave a clear field for the one which is now comatose.

New Cure for Lockjaw.

Dr. Roux, of the Pasteur Institute, announces the discovery of an efficient cure for lockjaw. The antitetanic serum used in Germany would not work till Dr. Roux hit on the plan of injecting it into the brain under the membranes. His plan has been tried with complete success on a man.

NEST-BUILDING TAUGHT.

Old Birds Show the Young Ones How, and Some Are More Eager to Do the Work for Them.

It is a common error to believe that with birds the knowledge of building their nests is innate. It is a trade that is taught to every bird by its parents, and in just as systematic a manner as men are trained to be builders. Birds are born with the instinct to carry little twigs and the materials of which nests are made, but unless they are instructed in the art of building they will just drop them in a pile and never attempt to weave them into nests.

It is after the young birds have learned to fly that the older ones regularly teach them the process of interweaving and luting that is necessary to construct nests. This is most complicated and a trade peculiarly their own; it cannot be imitated, even by men. To arrange the little twigs so that they will be symmetrical and strong enough to hold the weight of the mother bird and four or five little ones to a branch of a tree requires good engineering ability.

The lining of the nest is usually of a much softer material than that of which the outside is made, and to place this nearly is also taught by the older birds. Humming birds will often follow cows for days, to pick up their soft hair with which to line their nests, and they weave it as compactly as a piece of flannel.

Birds that have always been in cages can never make nests, and are pitifully clumsy even with cotton, wool and material that has been given to them.

That nest building is taught is also true of those that squirrels and mice build, as well as bees, wasps and ants.

The green ant of Australia is very clever in the building of its nest. It appears to consider it an irksome duty that can be hired out. A small spider is therefore trained to do this work and act as a servant in all things.

The green ants pay the spiders for their labors in a coin that they enjoy. It is by giving them to eat a portion of the 'innumerable little eggs that the ants lay. This is a most agreeable arrangement for all, man included, as otherwise the green ants would rival the rabbits in overrunning Australia.

In West Africa there is a species of ape, commonly known as the nest-building ape. They build their nests of branches of trees and leaves that overlap each other, so as to be perfectly water-tight. In this case they suspend them from the trees upside down and sit under them during the heavy storms.

About every ten or fifteen days, or as soon as the leaves have become too dry to longer resist the water, they build new ones. It is quite a tedious labor, but not arduous. These apes therefore teach the deformed and weak ones among them to do this nest building. When it is not done properly they are denied their portion of the food that the stronger apes have procured.

QUEEREST BICYCLE.

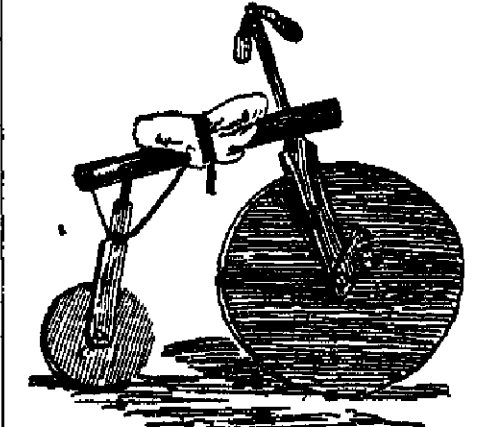
Frame and Wheel Are of Wood and the Saddle Is a Soggy Bag Tied with Bark.

The queerest bicycle on record is one built by John Gliguys, a fence inspector on a station beyond Bourke, New South Wales.

So unique is it that its fame traveled to Sydney, where it was published in the Cycling Gazette; thence to the staid and dignified columns of the Mechanical Engineer of London, and thence to this column.

Gliguys is a clever inventor, but a poor man.

He lives among a wilderness of stones, scrub and sticks, amid the mel-



STRANGEST WHEEL IN THE WORLD.

anchooly bleating of thousands of sheep, and his daily duty is to inspect miles of wire fencing.

The machine here depicted was the outcome of his lonely leisure and his inventive ingenuity.

It will be seen that the bicycle combines two of the very latest notions in cycling mechanics—it is chainless and unpuncturable. Though not constructed of aluminum, it is rust proof, and at the same time the expense of enameling and nickel plating is saved.

The frame and wheels are of wood and the saddle is a soggy bag tied with a stringy bark. The stays are of twisted fence wire and the ball bearings and spindles have been superseded by bolts and nuts. The wheels are warranted not to buckle and the exertion of driving the machine one measured mile is rather less than that required in walking the same distance.

Providing for a Rainy Day.

"Never mind, dear," I said to my little girl, having vainly endeavored to persuade her to give one of her dolls to a child who had never owned one, "never mind! Perhaps some day you will be a poor little girl yourself, and then you will know what it is to have no toys." "Yes, mamma," she sobbed, "I have thought of that, and that's the reason I want to save all my things!"

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and surplus of staples are to go before Aug. 31st. CASH rather than merchandise, and, besides, the room is needed for new goods. Those who think this week's sale reductions apply only to odds and ends, are greatly in error. As evidence, look down this list.

Closing Out Sale of Ladies' Neckties.

500 in this lot—String Ties, made of wash silk, colors white, pink, blue and black. Were 10c each. To close out the entire lot they are now marked 6c each.

Ladies' Puff Ties. Made of silk, in colors. Were 25c before this record breaking sale commenced. 200 in the lot. Now buy them for 10c each.

Shirt Waists. 20 dozen. Were 60c. Now to close out the entire lot marked down to 25c each.

Shirt Waists. Made with detachable collar, attached cuffs, of good style of cambric, all this year's goods. Were 60c. So as to be sure that none will be carried over, they are marked at the ridiculous price of 10c each.

Leather Belts. In colors and black, with handsome buckles, made of good style of cambric, all this year's goods. Were 60c. So as to be sure that none will be carried over, they are marked at the ridiculous price of 10c each.

Hamburg Embroidery. 1,000 yards, from 4 to 7 inches wide. An assortment of fine and cambric embroidery, worth from 10c to 25c a yard. Marked down for this sale to 10c per yard.

A Wrapper Event. 10 dozen 75c Wrappers, in dark colors, assorted patterns. At this stock reduction sale 50c each.

Wrappers Again. 15 dozen \$1 Wrappers, in medium and dark colored percale, made up in the latest style. To make this wrapper sale doubly interesting, they are marked 50c each.

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All of our \$1 25 light colored Percale and Lawn Wrappers go at this sale at 50c each.

Outlined Doylies

1 and 2c each.

August's Economical Opportunities. The month so dull elsewhere is proving so busy here. The reason is our deep price cutting to make this the banner bargain month of the year.

Muslin Underwear.

Corset Covers.

Plain Corset Covers, made of good muslin, a garment that will fit, usually 15c. At Tompkins' 8c each.

Corset Covers.

Made of fine muslin, V shape or square, trimmed with Hamburg embroidery, actually worth 25c. At Tompkins' 10c each.

Muslin Drawers.

With deep Hamburg ruffle, made of good muslin, well made and of good width, regularly sold for 35c. At Tompkins' 10c each.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers.

Made of good muslin, elegantly made, and worth 40c. At Tompkins' sale 35c each.

Ladies' Skirts.

Made of muslin, with ruffles and tucks, worth 50c. At Tompkins' sale 10c each.

Ladies' Umbrella Muslin Skirts.

Made of good muslin, full width, with wide ruffle and tucks, 50c each.

Ladies' \$1 Muslin Skirts.

Trimmed with wide embroidery founce. At Tompkins' sale 75c each.

Ladies' Fine Nightgowns. Tucked yoke and Hamburg trimmed empire style and plain, worth 80c. At Tompkins' sale 50c each.

Also note the special bargains in gowns at 75c, 50c, \$1.25, \$1.50 each, and

Specials in Fine Muslin Skirts at 75c, 50c, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

Camfield Dress Shields on sale, this week, No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 20c; No. 3, 25c.

Good Stockinet Dress Shields 5c each.

Ladies' Shirt Waist Sets in assorted patterns, worth 15c. On sale 10c per set.

Ladies' Side Combs 5 and 10c per pair.

Ladies' Agate Collar Buttons 5c per dozen.

Lever Collar Buttons 10c, with enameled back, 2c each.

100c Stick Pins 5c each.

25c Stick Pins 10c each.

10c Novels 5c each.

25c Novels 8c each.

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